

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

The term "hydrocarbon group" has been clarified based upon the description on page 11, lines 5-12 of the specification.

Claims 12 and 14 are cancelled without prejudice.

The term "prophylaxis" has also been deleted from claims 16 and 18.

In view of the foregoing, the rejection of claims 1-2, 4-14, 16 and 18-20 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, is deemed to be overcome.

The rejection of claims 1-2, 4-14, 16 and 18-20 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, is also deemed to be overcome in view of the foregoing amendments.

Claims 1-2, 4-14, 16 and 18-20 are rejected under 35 USC 102 as anticipated by Kohji et al., WO 2004/041266. This ground of rejection is respectfully traversed.

There is submitted herewith a verified English translation of the Japanese priority document JP 2003-431629 filed December 25, 2003.

There are also submitted herewith certified copies of both Japanese priority applications, JP 2003-431629 filed December 25, 2003 and JP 2004-241484 filed August 20, 2004.

It is respectfully submitted that the first Japanese priority application, JP 2003-431629, supports the claimed subject matter as amended under 35 USC 112.

The filing date of the first Japanese priority application is prior to the effective filing date of the cited reference, i.e. May 2004.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the cited reference is removed as prior art under 35 USC 119.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that each ground of rejection set forth in the Official Action has been overcome, and that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, such allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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